

SEX OR KIDNAPPING OFFENDER INFORMATION BULLETIN LEVEL 2 NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE

SPECIAL ASSAULT UNIT SEX AND KIDNAPPING OFFENDER REGISTRATION DETAIL

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The Seattle Police Department is releasing the following information pursuant to RCW 4.24.550 and the Washington State Supreme Court decision in <u>State v. Ward</u>, which authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public of a sex or kidnapping offenders release when; in the discretion of the agency, the release of information will enhance public safety and protection.

The individual who appears on this notification has been convicted of a sex or kidnapping offense that requires registration with the sheriff's office in the county of their residence. Further, their previous criminal history places them in a classification level which reflects the <u>potential</u> to re-offend.

This sex or kidnapping offender <u>has served</u> the sentence imposed on him by the courts and has advised the King County Department of Public Safety that he will be living in the location below. <u>HE IS NOT WANTED BY THE POLICE AT THIS TIME.</u> THIS NOTIFICATION IS NOT INTENDED TO INCREASE FEAR; RATHER, IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT AN INFORMED PUBLIC IS A SAFER PUBLIC.

The Seattle Police Department has no legal authority to direct where a sex or kidnapping offender may or may not live. Unless court ordered restrictions exist, this offender is constitutionally free to live wherever he chooses.

Sex and kidnapping offenders have always lived in our communities; but it wasn't until passage of the Community Protection Act of 1990 (which mandates sex and kidnapping offender registration) that law enforcement even knew where they were living. In many cases, law enforcement is now able to share that information with you. Citizen abuse of this information to threaten, intimidate or harass registered sex or kidnapping offenders will not be tolerated. Further, such abuse could potentially end law enforcement's ability to do community notifications. We believe the only person who wins if community notification ends is the sex or kidnapping offender, since they derive their power through secrecy.

The Seattle Police Department distributes these notices to organized Block Watches via Community Crime Prevention. If you wish to set up a Block Watch, receive crime prevention or personal safety information, call 206-684-7555. If you have information regarding current criminal activity of this or any other offender, please call 9-1-1.



Bowen, David D. W M 03-02-56

Age: 46 6' 0", 165 lbs, brown hair, green eyes. No known scars, marks, or tattoos.

David Bowen was released from prison after completing his sentence for Statutory Rape (5 CTS). The offenses occurred in the state of Idaho. In 1992 and 1993, Bowen, who was a schoolteacher at the time, had sexual relationships with two female students who were 16 and 17 years of age. Bowen was originally charged with eight counts of Statutory Rape, which due to a plea agreement, was reduced to five counts. Bowen used his position of trust and authority to manipulate the victims into sexual relationships.

Bowen completed 18 months of sex offender group, and relapse prevention therapy while incarcerated with the Idaho authorities. His attendance was good, and his group involvement was appropriate.

Bowen's teaching certificate is permanently suspended. He will be supervised on parole through the Interstate Compact (Idaho) through the Washington State Department of Corrections. His conditions include not working in any profession or volunteering where minors under 18 years old are present.

Bowen has registered as a sex offender as required by law. He is living in the 9700 block of 46 Ave.

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Additional sex or kidnapping offender information:

As of the date of this bulletin, there are 17,073 sex or kidnapping offenders who have registered as required (since 2/28/90) and are living in Washington State. 3,723 of these are registered to King County addresses. 1,214 are registered to addresses within the city limits of Seattle.